

Accordingly (at 10 o'clock and 44 minutes a.m.) the House stood in recess until 12 noon.

#### AFTER RECESS

The recess having expired, the House was called to order by the Speaker pro tempore (Mr. SHAYS) at 12 noon.

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#### PRAYER

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The Reverend Dr. Ronald F. Christian, Office of the Bishop, Evangelical Lutheran Church in America, Washington, DC, offered the following prayer:

*The eyes of all look to You, O Lord, and You give them meat in due season. You open Your hand and satisfy the desire of every living thing.*

Almighty God, the psalmist's recognition of his dependence upon You reminds us all of our constant need for Your grace and mercy.

So, we pray to You, O God, for daily bread and that all our needs will be met by Your gracious care.

We pray to You, O God, for health of body and strength of mind, so that all our efforts will serve Your will and thereby give aid to our neighbor who is in want.

We pray to You, O God, that the work of our hands and the decisions we render will make life better for those around us and for whom we must take some responsibility.

We pray to You, O God, that we will allow our souls to be fed by Your grace, so that we will always be more caring toward another's misfortune than accepting of glory for our own accomplishments.

And, we pray, that we may always live and demonstrate Your mercy in our family, in our workplace, and in our community, and in our Nation.

Indeed, the eyes of us all look to You, O Lord. Give us, we pray, our food in due season. Open Your hand, and satisfy our needs. Amen.

#### THE JOURNAL

The SPEAKER pro tempore. (Mr. SHAYS). The Chair has examined the Journal of the last day's proceedings and announces to the House his approval thereof.

Pursuant to clause 1, rule I, the Journal stands approved.

#### PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Will the gentlewoman from Connecticut [Mrs. KENNELLY] come forward and lead the House in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Mrs. KENNELLY led the Pledge of Allegiance as follows:

I pledge allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America, and to the Republic for which it stands, one nation under God, indivisible, with liberty and justice for all.

#### MESSAGE FROM THE SENATE

A message from the Senate by Mr. Lundregan, one of its clerks, announced that the Senate had passed with an amendment, in which the concurrence of the House is requested, a bill of the House of the following title:

H.R. 2126. An act making appropriations for the Department of Defense for the fiscal year ending September 30, 1996, and for other purposes.

The message also announced that the Senate insists upon its amendment to the bill (H.R. 2126) "An Act making appropriations for the Department of Defense for the fiscal year ending September 30, 1996, and for other purposes," requests a conference with the House on the disagreeing votes of the two Houses thereon, and appoints Mr. STEVENS, Mr. COCHRAN, Mr. SPECTER, Mr. DOMENICI, Mr. GRAMM, Mr. BOND, Mr. MCCONNELL, Mr. MACK, Mr. SHELBY, Mr. HATFIELD, Mr. INOUE, Mr. HOLLINGS, Mr. JOHNSTON, Mr. BYRD, Mr. LEAHY, Mr. BUMPERS, Mr. LAUTENBERG, and Mr. HARKIN, to be the conferees on the part of the Senate.

The message also announced that pursuant to section 1295(b) of title 46, United States Code, as amended by Public Law 101-595, the Chair, on behalf of the Vice President, appoints Mr. BREAUX, from the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation, and Mr. INOUE, at large, to the Board of Visitors of the United States Merchant Marine Academy.

#### DEATH OF FORMER CONGRESSMAN JAMIE WHITTEN

(Mr. BEVILL asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend his remarks.)

Mr. BEVILL. Mr. Speaker, on behalf of the Democratic leadership and the Mississippi congressional delegation, it is my sad duty to report the death of our former colleague, Jamie Whitten, on Saturday in Oxford, Mississippi.

As you know, Jamie was the dean of the House of Representatives until his retirement last year, after 53 years in the House. He had the longest record of service of any Member in the history of our country.

Jamie served as chairman of the House Appropriations Committee for 13 years and as chairman of the Agriculture Appropriations Subcommittee for more than 40 years. He had a tremendous influence on the Nation's agricultural policy and was known as the Permanent Secretary of Agriculture.

He was sitting in this Chamber when President Franklin D. Roosevelt gave his "Day of Infamy" speech following the bombing of Pearl Harbor in 1941. For more than half a century, Jamie faithfully and effectively served his Mississippi constituents and his country. His record was a remarkable achievement which will probably never be broken.

Jamie and his wife Rebecca were totally dedicated to public service and

especially devoted to their beloved home State of Mississippi. Our Nation has lost one of its most loyal and effective leaders, but Jamie's contributions will always be remembered.

#### IN HONOR OF FORMER CONGRESSMAN JAMIE WHITTEN

(Mr. BOEHNER asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend his remarks.)

Mr. BOEHNER. Mr. Speaker, I too join with our colleagues on the Democrat side of the aisle on behalf of Republicans in the House to mourn the death of our good friend, Jamie Whitten.

Mr. Speaker, Jamie did serve in the House for some 53 years and was an example to all of the Members of this House on both sides of the aisle about how to be a statesman. His influence in agricultural policy over those 53 years was, without question, substantial. And without question, for 53 years, Mr. Whitten had the most influence over agricultural policy in this country. Today, we mourn his death and say prayers for him and his family.

#### SUPPORT STUDENT AID, SUPPORT OUR FUTURE

(Mrs. KENNELLY asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend her remarks.)

Mrs. KENNELLY. Mr. Speaker, education of our young people of America is the best chance for a bright future for our great Nation. However, in these tough economic times many families cannot afford to send their children to postsecondary school. The rising cost of education and proposals to cut funding for students loans will only close the doors of colleges and universities to many fine young people indeed.

The current proposal to eliminate the in-school interest subsidy for Stafford Loans is a dramatic turn in education policy. Last year alone over four million students benefited from in-school interest subsidies. This interest subsidy is essential to ensuring choice and access for higher education. The main goal of the Higher Education Act of 1965 was to reduce financial barriers to access and choice in postsecondary education. Subsidized loans have always had a role in achieving this goal.

Money should not be the determining factor for who attends colleges and universities. Let's support student aid, let's support our future.

#### JUDGE ITO: MOST OUT OF TOUCH JUDICIAL BUREAUCRAT

(Mr. COBLE asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend his remarks.)

Mr. COBLE. Mr. Speaker, much has been said about the O.J. Simpson trial,